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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**New Deal Needed**

As a result of a remarkably thorough and detailed inquiry by a Government appointed sub-committee into the conditions under which blind people exist in Hongkong, the authorities now have a clear idea of the huge task ahead of them in improving the lot of these people. The six members of the committee are to be congratulated on their comprehensive report, their realistic assessment of the situation and their timely recommendations. The Social Welfare Advisory Committee should waste no time in urging Government to implement the most important of these measures as soon as possible. These appear to be the provision of education for all blind children, the training of adults for useful occupation, consideration of ways and means of employing blind people, the granting of pensions initially to some categories and eventually to all, and the establishment of a Society or Council for the Welfare of the Blind. The destitution and misery of the great majority of these people calls for urgent attention. If social rehabilitation is to be a success there is another important aspect to be considered. While Eastern families with this affliction has in turn bred acceptance of apathy and, in many cases, even contempt for the blind. This demands correction and perhaps it can be one of the first undertakings of the proposed Society for the Blind. It is important to tackle basic problems first. The report, for instance, notes that a large number of the blind exist by begging. Quite naturally it feels this should be prevented, but until adequate schools and employment are available, little can be done to tackle this particular problem. There are other points raised in the report which also demand speedy attention. Although existing institutions cater for the education of only a very small proportion of blind children in the Colony, the importance of their work should not be underestimated. Facilities at these schools can be improved and increased financial assistance is clearly required for such homes as the Ebenezer, the Honeyville and the Kai Ming School. Employment of the blind also poses problems. The Committee points out that articles made by the blind should not sell on their sentimental value but on their quality and at competitive prices with similar goods made by sighted people. However, because so many of the traditional Western "blind trades" are here highly developed industries of the "sighted", Government or some organisation will have to arrange to guarantee demand for the output of the blind workers as a first step towards promoting security either for individuals or for any handicraft, basketware or rope factories that are established.

It is surprising to learn that three-quarters of the cases of blindness in the Colony are preventable. That of the estimated 2,700 to 4,700 blind people, only 250 are cared for in charitable institutions. The report details the work being done at present for the blind, particularly in the field of medical treatment. The determined fight being waged by the Health authorities against all eye troubles will undoubtedly help reduce the problem to manageable proportions in future years but the crying need at the moment is relief for the afflicted, their education, training and employment. Also these people must be persuaded that they are not "unfortunate", permanently handicapped, and useless people. One of the first duties of the Society of the Blind must be to "normalise" their lives, to combat public apathy and to destroy the feeling of frustration and helplessness in the blind themselves. It is pointless to expect a few institutions to undertake this work. It must be done on a far wider scale. It has been the experience of many Western countries that where the welfare of the blind has been initiated by voluntary effort, it has subsequently fallen to the Government and philanthropic institutions and Governments to develop the work. In Hongkong much can be accomplished by various public bodies, but Government should lay the foundations of a scheme to help these people. Close co-operation with these organisations in this work is essential if the project is to be a success.

**SOVIET MOVE**  
**UN Membership For Laos**

**New Move To Get Red China Into UNO**

Belgrade, Sept. 22. The Soviet Union has announced its intention to replace Nationalist China by Communist China as a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, the organisation's Director-General, Mr. Luther B. Evans, announced today.

Mr. Evans said at a press conference he was told by Russia that the attempt to unseat Nationalist China would probably be made when the 72 members of UNESCO meet in Montevideo, capital of Uruguay, in November to decide their 1955/56 programme.

Mr. Evans said that although in the past UNESCO's general conference had recognised whatever Chinese Government was recognised by the United Nations the decision could be changed by a majority vote.

(The United Nations General Assembly yesterday defeated a Soviet attempt to replace Nationalist China by the Communists in the Assembly.)—Reuter.

**And Cambodia Kept On Agenda**

New York, Sept. 22. The Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today overrode Soviet objections that the Assembly consider the admission to membership of Laos and Cambodia.

The Committee voted 12 to none with the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia abstaining, to recommend to the Assembly that the question remain in the agenda as a sub-heading to the general question of the admission of new members.

Mr. Vyshinsky earlier asked that the General Assembly should postpone the discussion of the admission of Laos and Cambodia to the United Nations "until the Indo-China situation, as a whole, is settled in conformity with the Geneva Agreements."

The proposal was made in a meeting of the Assembly bureau to discuss the agenda of the new Assembly session.

The question had been brought up by the Australian delegate, who had urged that the admission of Laos and Cambodia should be decided upon at the current session.

He said that he was ready to support the admission in principle of Vietnam, the decision to take effect after the Vietnam elections scheduled for 1955.

Meanwhile, Mr. Henri Hoppenot (France) replying to the Soviet objections to the inclusion of Cambodia and Laos, said that the Geneva Agreements were already in full application.

**DUTCH NEW GUINEA**

The Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today recommended the inscription on the Assembly's agenda of Indonesia's dispute with the Netherlands over the sovereignty of Western New Guinea.

The vote was seven to three with five abstentions.

France, Britain and Australia voted against the inscription. China, Colombia, Iceland, the United States and the Netherlands abstained.

Those voting for inscription were Burma, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Thailand and the Soviet Union.

The United States did not take part in the debate. The Netherlands strongly opposed the item.

**PERFECTLY QUALIFIED**

He said the two countries were at present enjoying all the attributes of sovereignty and were perfectly qualified for admission to the United Nations.

He added that these two states would have been admitted already had it not been for the Soviet veto in the Security Council.

Mr. Hoppenot affirmed that whatever the interpretation of the Soviet delegate might be, the Geneva Conference had settled the question of Laos and Cambodia and virtually that of Vietnam.

**Other developments at the U.N. meeting today were:**

Consideration of whether to place the Cyprus question on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly was today deferred by the Assembly's Steering Committee until tomorrow.

Greece has asked that the Assembly consider her claim to the island.

Mr. Von Balthussek said the Netherlands reserved all its rights under the United Nations Charter, including those relating to issues of domestic concern.

"It seems obvious to us that no useful purpose can be served by submitting this question to debate in the General Assembly," he said.—Reuter.

**Attlee Under Heavy Fire From British Press**

London, Sept. 23. Three right-wing newspapers strongly criticised Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labour Opposition, today for his statement on returning from China that "personally speaking, I think the sooner we get rid of Chiang Kai-shek and his troops the better."

The Daily Sketch said: "This is incredible. It is also discreditable."

"Mr. Attlee has dropped a brick that might do as much damage as the hydrogen bomb."

The Daily Telegraph said: "The Chinese Communists have found in Mr. Attlee an unexpected but effective ally."

"He could hardly have said more without actually inviting the Communists to attack."

The Daily Mail called the statement "his most startling announcement."

"Whatever one thinks of Chiang nothing could be better calculated to anger the American people than this line of talk at this moment."

"What a splendid quotation for Peking Radio."

"Mr. Attlee cannot speak personally. He is the leader of the Majority Opposition and his personal opinions cannot be divorced from his official ones. In the eyes of the rest of the world he is speaking for half the country."

**Wide Search For Daring Gold Thieves**

London, Sept. 23. British police authorities were today engaged in one of the biggest manhunts in Britain for many years as they spread a wide net for the gang who daringly ambushed a lorry in Holborn on Tuesday night and made off with two boxes worth £40,000.

Scotland Yard's undercover men, the "Ghost Squad," Customs and airport security officers and the Coast Guard are all co-operating.

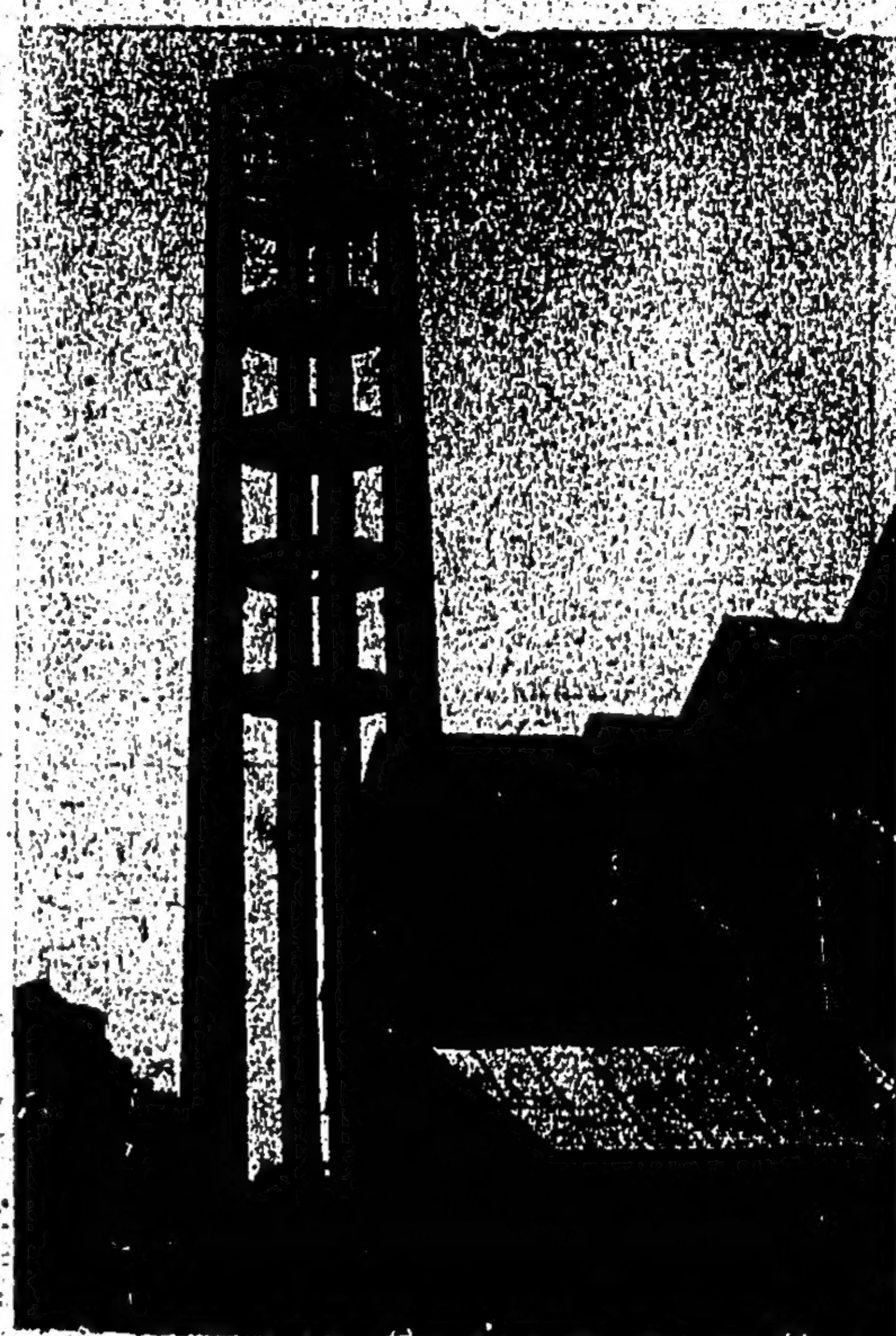
The van used by the gang to stage their raid was found abandoned within an hour after the 20-second ambush, which occurred just as the lorry was about to leave with the gold for an airfield at London airport.

Two of the raiders took on to the lorry as they were crushed into it, seized the boxes of gold and threw them into the van and drove off. Later they abandoned the van for a car.

It was the biggest gold theft in Britain in recent years.—Reuter.

**DEFEATED**

**Church Tower—1954 Version**



This strange looking modern creation is the Church, Steeple of St. Joseph's Church at Cologne, Braunsfeld. It is in keeping with the church's futuristic design.—Express Photo.

**British MP's Wife Arrested In Canada Charged With Holding Counterfeit US Dollars**

Montreal, Sept. 22. A slim brunette who claims to be a Hungarian baroness and wife of a British Labour M.P., was in prison here tonight after failing to raise \$5,000 bail on a charge of possessing counterfeit dollars.

The woman, who claims to have been married 11 days ago to Commander Harry Pursey, Labour member for East Hull, was taken to prison last night after being arrested late on Monday and accused of having \$1,700 counterfeit United States money.

She carried a passport bearing the name of Lillian Maria Adler and said she was Baroness Huszar of Hungary.

She said she married Commander Pursey at Trenton, New Jersey.

(Mr. Sam Leventhal, a magistrate, said in Trenton that on September 11 he had married Harry Pursey of Sidmouth, England, and Lillian Maria Adler of Nagyvarad, Hungary.)

**TO BUY FUR COAT**

He quoted police as saying that on Monday evening she checked out of her hotel in Montreal and then went to buy a \$1,200 fur coat with counterfeit money. She had an air ticket to Europe in her possession.

The shopowner became suspicious when she asked if she could come round after hours to pick up and pay for the coat. He called the police, who arrested her.

Judge T. A. Fontaine, who yesterday turned down her lawyer's request that \$50,000 worth of jewellery found in her possession be held as bail, rejected her refusal today.

The woman was ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing on September 23.

Judge Fontaine said the woman told the police her husband gave her the money before he returned to England. At yesterday's hearing she produced a certificate stating that she married Commander Pursey at Trenton, New Jersey, on September 11.

**GIVEN BY HUSBAND**

"I have been told by the police that the accused claims the alleged counterfeit money was given to her by her husband before he left for England recently," the judge said.

"It is not a natural thing for a husband to give his wife money," asked the defence lawyer, Mr. John Long.

"It certainly is not any kind of money," the judge replied.

The woman spent last night in a police cell after Judge Fontaine remanded her to appear for a preliminary hearing at Trenton, New Jersey, on September 11.

**Ex-Nazis Gaoled For Plotting New 'Warrior State'**

Hamburg, Sept. 22. Two former Hitler Storm troopers were sentenced to mild prison terms and immediately set free — by a German court here today for building up a secret Nazi-type "Free Corps" which aimed at the restoration of a "German warrior state."

Hermann Lamp, 41, a former Sergeant in the SS "Death Head" Division and Eberhard Hengst, 43, were found guilty of forming a secret organisation endangering the West German constitution.

Lamp was sentenced to four months in prison and Hengst to two months' prison term.

Both were brown-shirted Nazi Storm troopers before Adolf Hitler rose to power in Germany in 1933.

They were freed because they have always been in prison longer than their sentenced period.—Reuter.

**Daily Mirror's Sharp Attack On Grantham Statement**

London, Sept. 23. The mass circulation Daily Mirror today accused Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hongkong, of "offensive meddling with affairs outside his realm" in an interview in America.

He went to America "to tell Americans about Hongkong," the newspaper said.

"That is fine. He is a good governor. He knows his stuff."

"But what topic did His Excellency discuss when he landed? Not what he knows about Hongkong—but what he thinks about the Labour Party delegation to China."

"He told reporters that Labour's tour was 'unfortunate,' that Mr. Attlee was a 'sincere and responsible man,' that he did not know whether the same could be said of the other members of the mission."

**ASTOUNDING.**

"This is an astounding statement from a civil servant. It is offensive meddling with affairs quite outside his realm."

"A civil servant must keep his nose out of politics," Sir Alexander's words in that his term of office was recently extended.

"But let him remember that he is highly valued as a servant of the Crown, as an efficient administrator and not as a meddling or blundering politician," the Daily Mirror said.—Reuter.

**15 Injured In U.S. Train Crash**

Santa Fe Express Again Derailed

Knightsen, California, Sept. 22. The Santa Fe Chief, luxury passenger streamliner of the Santa Fe railroad, was wrecked for the second time in exactly one month near here today.

Fifteen people were injured, five of them seriously.

There were no fatalities.

The accident occurred as the train was heading east to Chicago with 191 passengers aboard.

Witnesses said that eight of the train's 12 cars were derailed and that two of the cars, a diner and a lounge car, were leaning at a crazy angle on their side in a ditch. The power unit of the big diesel train remained on the tracks.

Santa Fe said five people, including a conductor, had been taken to hospital and 10 others were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

The accident occurred just one month from the wreck of the west-bound Chief at Lemax, Illinois, on Aug. 23, in which five were killed and 53 other persons were injured.—United Press.

**Mass Assassination Plan Alleged Plot To Kill King Disclosed**

Karachi, Sept. 22. Three conspirators planned to assassinate a King, a Governor-General and a Prime Minister with a single volley of rifle shots, it was alleged in court today.

Major-General M. I. Malik, a retired officer, Riaz Hussain, a local lawyer, and Marshal Silveira, a Karachi businessman, appeared on trial charged with the attempted mass assassination as part of an alleged plot to overthrow the Pakistani Government.

The prosecution said their planned victims were King Faisal of Iraq, who was on a State visit here, Pakistani Governor-General Ghulam Mohammed, Prime Minister Mohammed Ali and members of his Cabinet.

Their immediate object was to fire a volley of rifle shots at a Royal procession in Karachi on March 12 headed by the King.

Hashmi, who was trained at Sandhurst, and the other two pleaded not guilty. They were arrested in a series of dawn raids on March 12—the day the King arrived.

The public prosecutor told the Magistrate's Court that he would call 21 witnesses and produce exhibits including arms and ammunition.—Reuter.

**Big Football Pool Win**

Southwell, Nottinghamshire, Sept. 22. Mrs. J. Dunn of Southwell, took her first walk last week to post a football pool coupon after being bed-ridden for 18 months.

She learned today that it had won £27,331 for her husband, Mr. Jack Dunn, 48, water inspector.—China Mail Special.

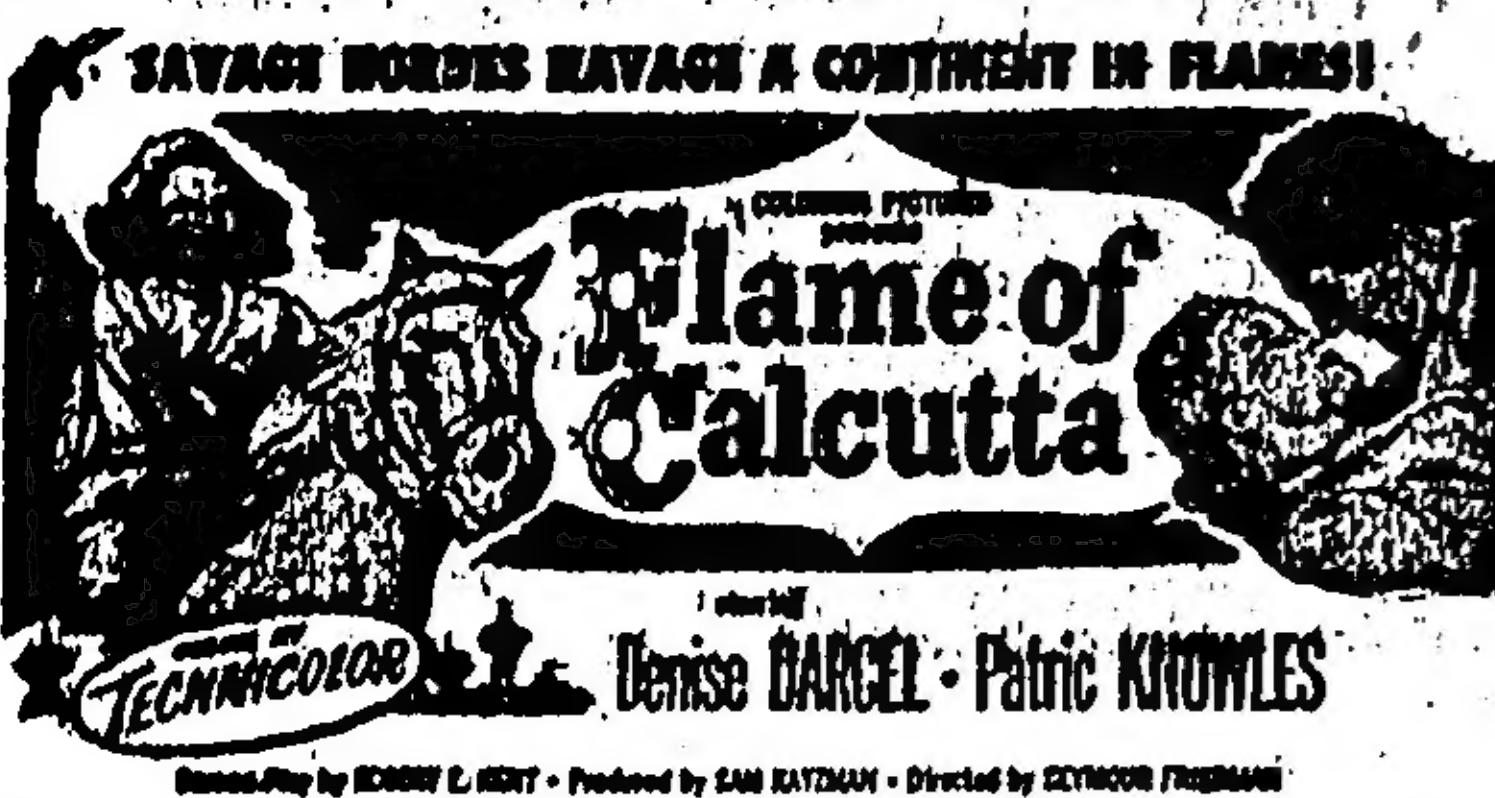
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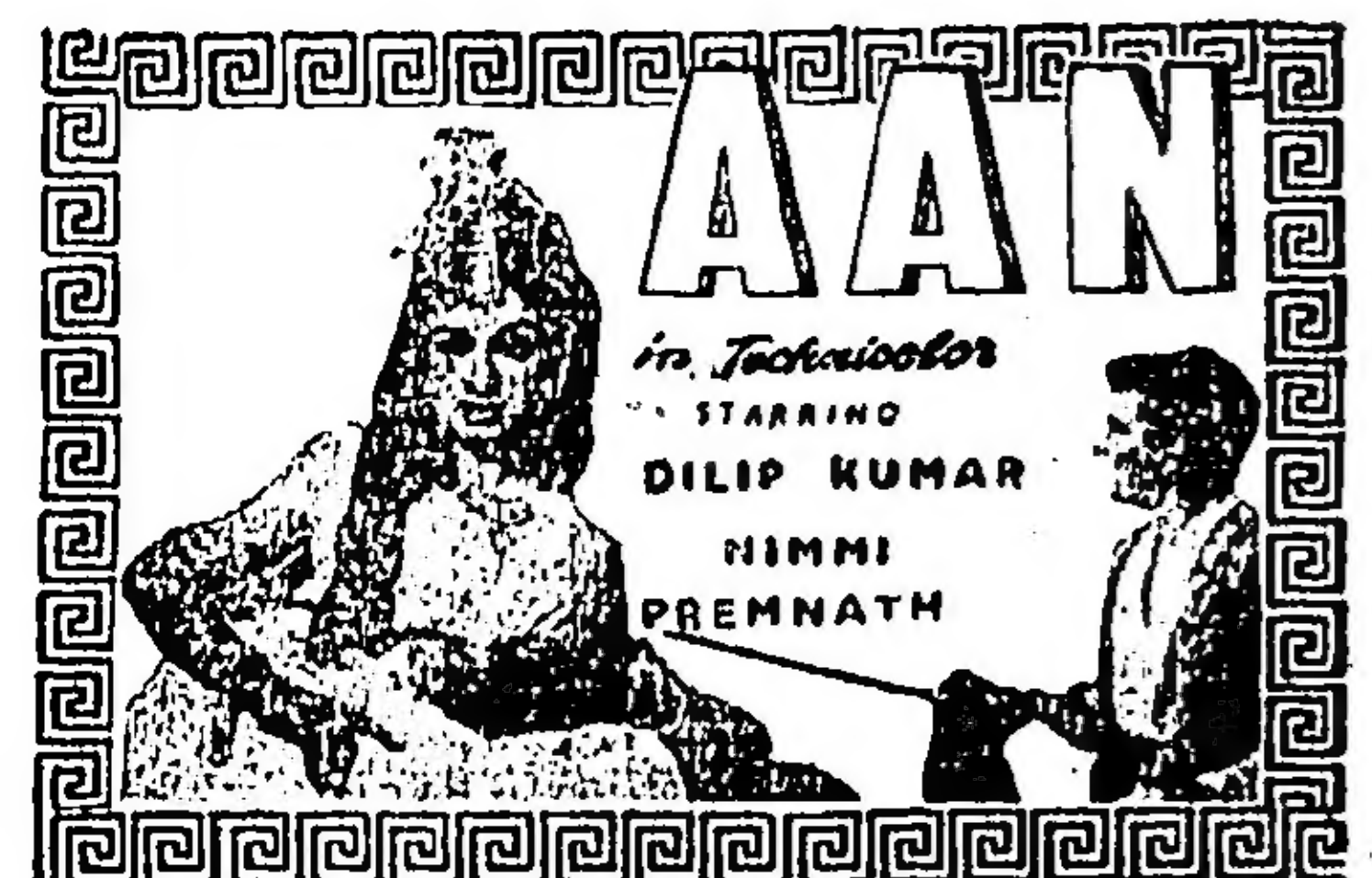
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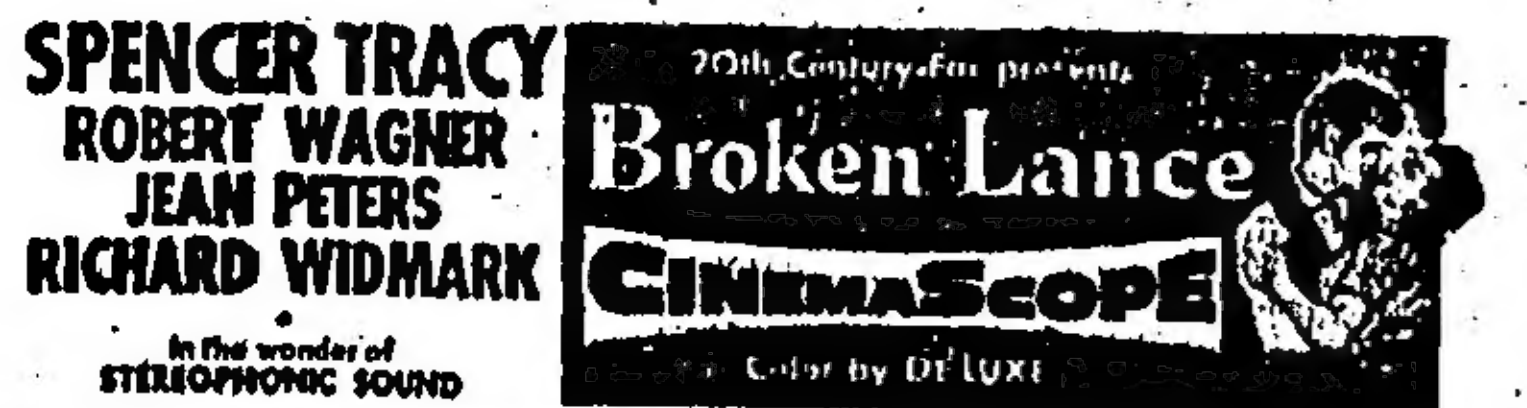
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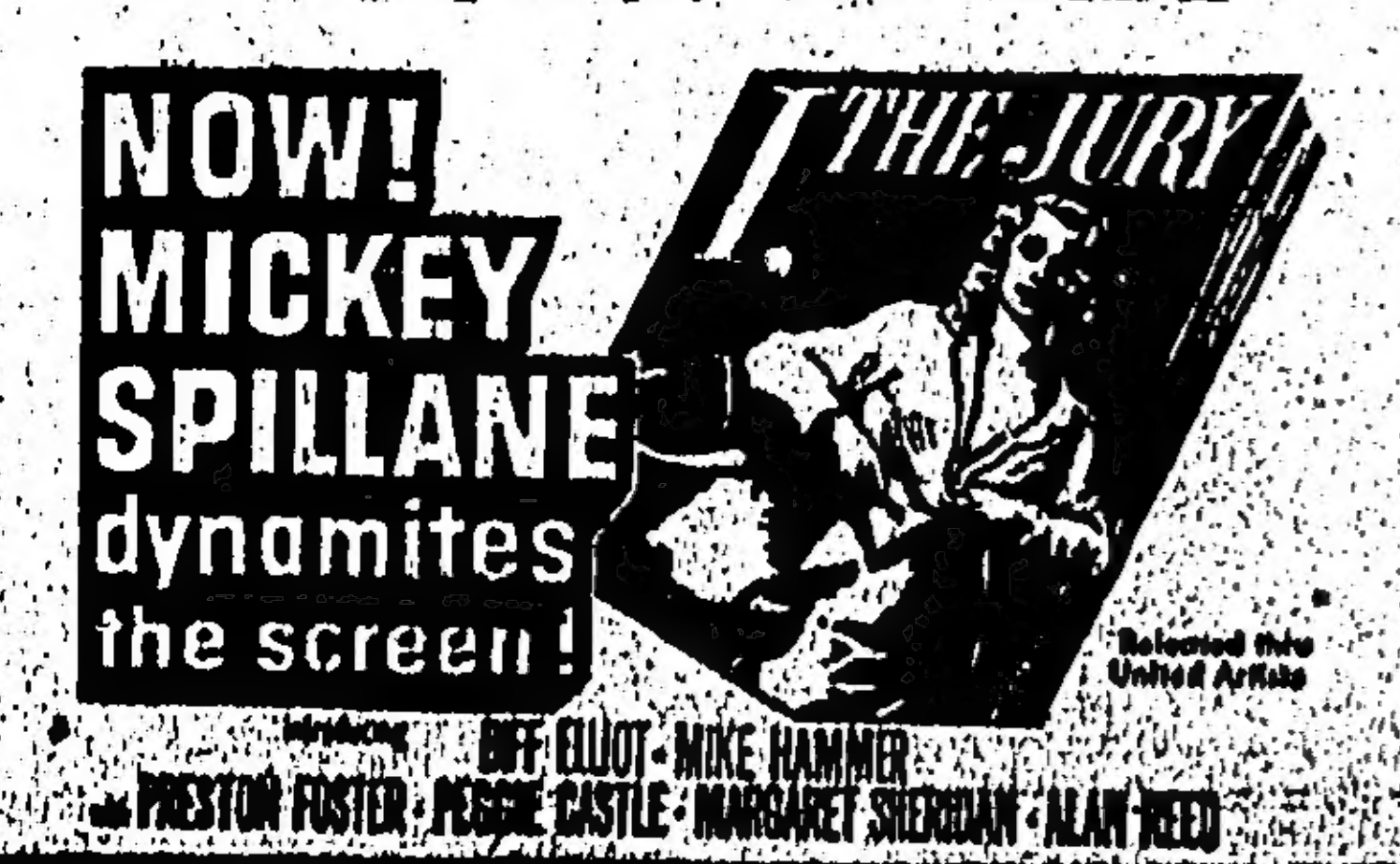
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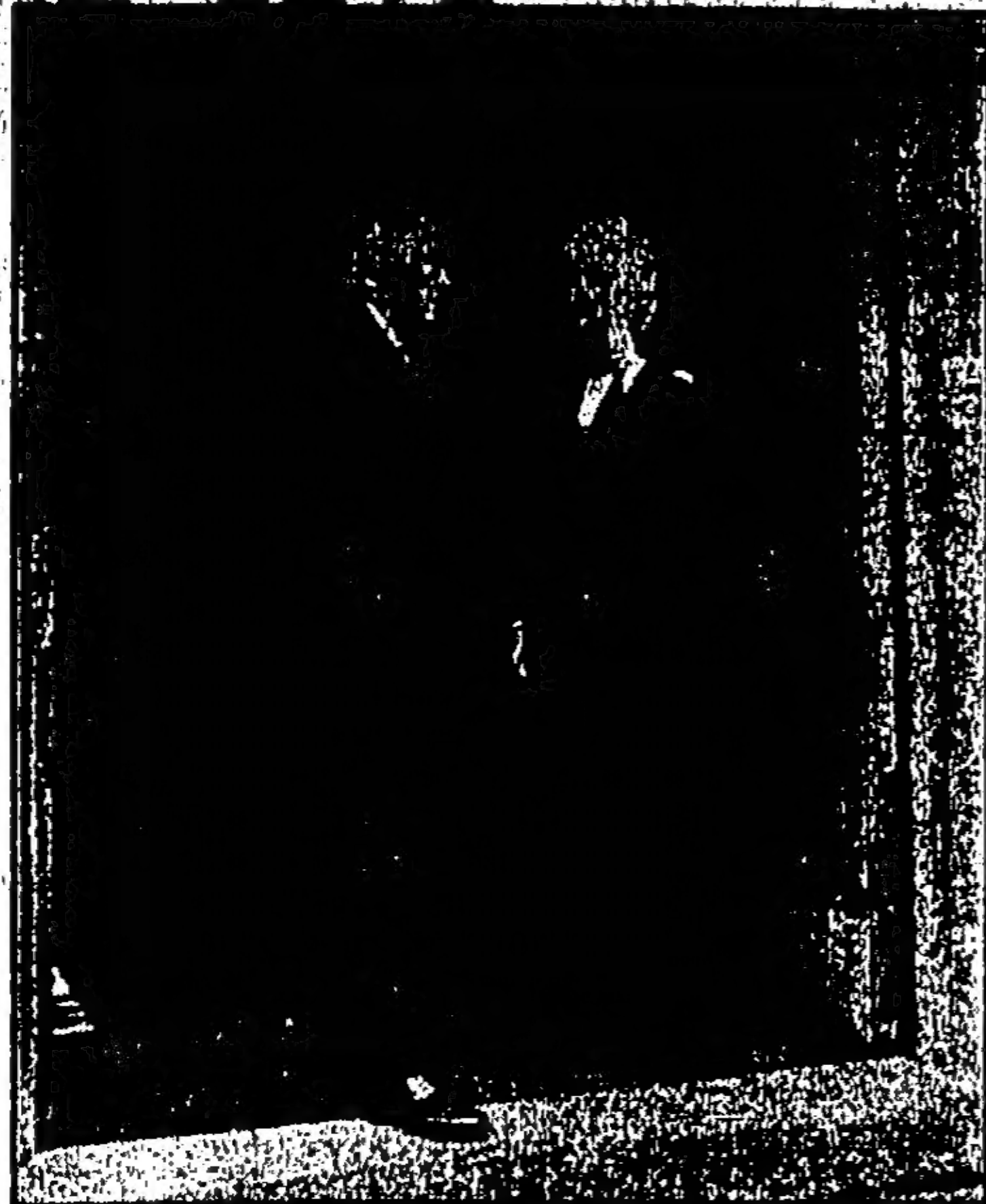


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**ARAB-ISRAELI TENSION**

Sir Winston Churchill draws at his cigar as he talks with Senator Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after they had lunched together at Sir Winston's country home, Chartwell, in Kent. —(Reutersphoto).

**Canada May Supply Technical Aid To Indo-China States**

Ottawa, Sept. 22.

Canada may supply technical assistance to the three Indo-China States, it was reported today as officials of 16 countries rushed preparations for a full-dress conference of the Colombo Plan nations.

The Colombo Plan was launched three years ago as a Commonwealth scheme to aid its poorer members. It has now been extended throughout Southeast Asia and Japan has expressed interest in joining.

Preliminary talks were being held in secret to draft recommendations for a conference of top-level officials of the Colombo Plan nations here on October 4.

The possibility that Canada would offer aid to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos was commented on yesterday by the Australian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Richard Casey.

**MAJOR HELP**

The fact that Canada had a large French-speaking population would be a major help in such a plan, he said. Canada could send French-speaking technicians to Indo-China and accept students for training in Quebec universities, he added.

The Canadian Deputy Finance Minister, Kenneth Taylor, Chairman of the preparatory meeting, said if there was unanimous sentiment in favour of it, Japan would likely be invited to join the Colombo Agreement as a donor nation. However, this would not likely take place until next year's meeting, officials said. —United Press.

**FIRST MAJOR ITEM**

Reuter states that Japan's entry into the Colombo Plan will be the first major item on the agenda. Officials said that present indications were that Japan would

**N.W. PASSAGE NAVIGATED**

Ottawa, Sept. 22.

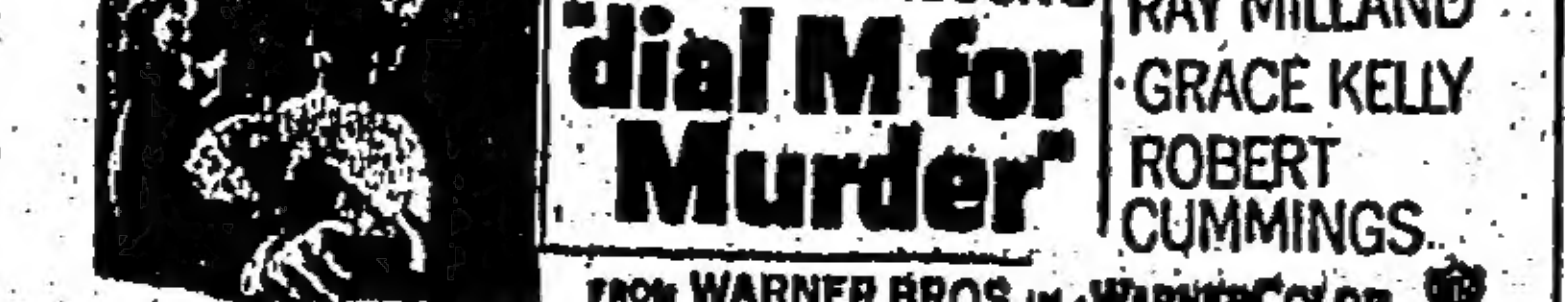
The naval Arctic patrol ship HMCS Labrador has reached the Bering Strait to become the first warship ever to navigate the Northwest Passage through the Canadian Arctic. Naval Headquarters announced today.

The 6,600-ton ice-breaker called from Halifax two months ago. —United Press.



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**PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS**

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post, South China Sunday Post-Herald, and China Mail Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED

**POP****Britain's Statement In Line With United States Policy**

Washington, Sept. 22.

State Department officials commented favourably today on the British Foreign Office statement urging Israeli and the Arab States to calm down and try direct negotiations to settle their differences.

They pointed out that the British statement was along the line of similar pronouncements by the American Government in recent months.

Britain's offer to provide its "good offices" in arranging Arab-Israeli talks is quite agreeable to American officials who emphasized that they were in favour of any arrangement which would bring the two sides together and lessen the tensions which cause constant ferment in the area.

It was noted in diplomatic quarters here that the British Government has not taken the Israeli side so sharply to task for recent border incidents as has the United States.

The British Foreign Office statement did not appear to concede that the Israelis were the aggressors.

**U.K's C'wealth Policy Backed By Tories**

London, Sept. 23.

Resolutions backing the British Government's Commonwealth policy have been put forward for the Conservative (Government) Party's annual conference opening at Blackpool on October 7.

The conference agenda, published today, shows that one from Leyton, a northeast London suburb, "wholeheartedly supports" the Government policy of "conferring increasing measures of self-government on members of the Commonwealth when they are ripe for it."

But it says traditional ties of trade and culture must be maintained if necessary by revising GATT (The General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs).

Another local party says that GATT should now be amended to "enable the restoration of proper rates of imperial preference."

**EMPIRE EXHIBITION**

Conservatives at Epsom, a London East End constituency, urged Sir Winston Churchill's Government to begin consultations with the idea of holding a British Empire exhibition in London "to encourage knowledge of and trade within the British Commonwealth."

A resolution from the Bournemouth West Association congratulated the Government on its colonial policy. But it urged it to encourage further investment of British capital in colonial development schemes. —Reuters.



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# IRAQ PARTIES ABOLISHED

## Council Of Ministers Suspend Independent Political Newspaper

### 'ORGANS WERE INCITING PEOPLE TO REVOLT'

Baghdad, Sept. 23.

The Iraq Government last night abolished the country's three remaining political parties, suspended the organ of one of the parties, banned students from party membership and halted the formation of any racial or communal societies.

The three parties — Independence, Umma Socialist and United Popular Front — were ended through a bill which replaced the former law of societies, therefore dissolving all organisations operating under it.

The Council of Ministers simultaneously suspended the Independence Party organ, Liwa Al-Istiqal, for one year.

In a note attached to the ordinance, the Government said some parties were propagating subversive creed punishable by law and were serving the interests of foreign establishments.

The Government said party organs were inciting people to

revolt against the existing regime and were exploiting the chaotic conditions created by such instigations.

#### STUDENTS BANNED

Under the new law, students are banned from joining parties and no racial or communal group will be permitted to be formed.

A general election in Iraq on September 12 resulted in a sweeping victory for supporters of the Premier, General Nuri Al Said, whose opponents withdrew from the polls charging the election would not be free.

Party alignments became confused last month when the Premier dissolved his majority party, the Constitutional Union, to promote "progressive unity."

The Umma Socialist and National Democratic parties boycotted the elections and the United Popular Front suspended activity.

Only the right-wing Independence Party and the dissolved Constitutional Union parties contested the election as groups.

The National Democratic Party was suspended by the Council of Ministers on September 4 for instigating "intrigues and disturbances."—Reuter.

## Roosevelt, Jr. To Run For New York A.G.

New York, Sept. 22. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., has agreed to run for Attorney-General of New York on the Democratic ticket, it was learned today.

Mr. Harriman and other Party leaders convinced Mr. Roosevelt he should take the nomination for Attorney-General to bolster the entire Democratic slate.—United Press.

## America Revises Stockpiling

Washington, Sept. 22.

The Director of Defence of Mobilisation announced that he has sent a revised purchasing directive for stockpile to the General Services Administration.

Altogether \$900,000,000 has been budgeted for stockpile operations but not all of it will go for new materials. He said the Government will buy well over \$145,000,000 worth of new materials for stockpile during the current fiscal year.

An undisclosed amount of additional purchases over and above \$145,000,000 will be for the President's so-called "long-term" stockpile. In addition, the Director disclosed that another \$400,000,000 of materials acquired during past years under the borrowing authority of the Defence Production Act will be transferred and charged to the stockpile programme in the present fiscal year.

In addition to materials to be acquired by the open market purchases and transfer from GSA stocks and the USA were given two lists of materials it may acquire from foreign countries through a "barter" programme. The government's overseas disposal programme of surplus war materials—Reuter.

## Yoshida Advised To Keep Warm

Tokyo, Sept. 22. The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, who received much love criticism from his opponents before his coming tour of Europe and North America, received warm greetings for his 76th birthday today from a Tokyo supporter—a gift of 20,000 yen (\$20) accompanied by a message: "Buy yourself some underwear to keep yourself warm in the coming cold season during your tour."—China Mail Special.

## DUCHESS LEAVES FOR ENGLAND

New York, Sept. 22. The Duchess of Kent and her daughter, Princess Alexandra, sailed for home today in the liner, Queen Mary, after a tour of Canada and brief stay in New York.

The Duchess, who wore a pink coat, told reporters that she had enjoyed the shopping and variety of merchandise in New York.

"We did a little shopping and a lot of window shopping," she said with a smile.

ENJOYED EVERYTHING. The Princess, full of enthusiasm, said: "I just enjoyed everything and I want to come back as soon as possible."

They were seen off to the cheer of people on the dockside and by British Consular officials in New York.

The party had 85 pieces of luggage. Accompanying the Duchess and Princess were Mr. Philip Hay, the Duchess' personal secretary, her lady-in-waiting, Lady Rachel Davidson, and the Princess' lady-in-waiting, Lady Moira Hamilton.—Reuter.

## Security Faith In Malaya

London, Sept. 23. Increasing security faith in the future are recorded in the 1953 report for Malaya published today.

"If release from fear is a true gauge," it says, "then the year can properly be described as a notable one."

Large sums of money had still to be spent on the operations against the Communist terrorists and were thus not available for the planned expansion of social services and important development schemes.

But there was a growing feeling among the people that the forces of law and order, after some years of grim struggle, "had the enemy by the throat."—Reuter.

## Baby Son For Princess



Princess Ragnhild, the eldest daughter of Crown Prince Olav of Norway, recently gave birth to a son. She is the wife of Mr. Erling Lovén, a wealthy Oslo shipowner. The Princess is seen with her son at Castle "Skogum".—Express Photo.

## Possible Link Between Murders

London, Sept. 22.

The murder of a beautiful young London model may be linked with the strangling of a 45-year-old midwife five months ago at Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace.

Police today examined certain similarities in the two unsolved killings, which may have been committed by the same man.

Both Miss Jean Townsend, 21, who was found on a waste patch of land in Ealing, West London, and Miss Olive Bennett, whose body was recovered from the river Avon, were throttled to death.

Today Stratford police questioned a middle-aged bachelor about the murder of Miss Bennett, who was thrown into the river with a tombstone lashed to her body.

#### FRESH EXAMINATION

The man was first interviewed by detectives soon after the murder. He was called to the Stratford Police Station today after police had made a fresh examination of statements given by hundreds of townsfolk.

The Stratford police hunt has continued relentlessly in the old town of timbered houses since the midwife was strangled a few yards from Shakespeare's tomb in the graveyard of the parish church.

A police official there said: "We have every reason to believe that the murderer is still in Stratford-on-Avon."

Police sources revealed that there may be high level consultations about similarities between the two murders.

Meanwhile London police continued their search for the drivers of two cars seen near the spot where Miss Townsend was strangled eight days ago. But in both cases police still have to find the vital clue which will lead them to the killers—or killer.—China Mail Special.

## INDIA-INDONESIA TALKS ON ASIAN AFFAIRS

New Delhi, Sept. 22.

Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo, Prime Minister of Indonesia, opened talks here today on Asian affairs with Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

The Indonesian Premier arrived earlier in the day for a four-day state visit. He is slightly indisposed and a number of outdoor engagements planned for him may be cancelled. The Premier suffers from high blood pressure.

Dr Sastroamidjojo, who was greeted at the airport by Mr Nehru, also called on President Rajendra Prasad and Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, Vice-President, after his arrival.

One of the main subjects of his talks with Mr Nehru is expected to be an Arab-Asian conference which Dr Sastroamidjojo proposes to call in his capital of Djakarta this winter.

The two premiers will discuss which countries to invite and exactly when the conference should be held, it is understood. The 14 Arab-Asian countries in the United Nations plus other Asian countries such as Ceylon are expected to be the participants.

The question of inviting Communist China is also likely to be raised.

#### COLOMBO POWERS

They will also consider the possibility of holding a meeting of the Colombo powers—India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia—before the Djakarta conference.

The third main topic of their talks will be ways and means of

broadening peace in Asia. This gives an added significance to Dr Sastroamidjojo's arrival in view of Mr Nehru's visit to Peking next month.

The two Asian statesmen are expected to review the effect of the eight-nation Southeast Asian collective security treaty signed in Manila earlier this month on the Asian political scene.

They will also consider the prospects of creating what Mr Nehru calls "an area of peace" in Asia which might be guaranteed by both Communist China and the Western powers.

The Indo-China situation will also probably be reviewed and Dr Sastroamidjojo is expected to ask Mr Nehru to press for a statement in Peking on the position of Chinese overseas.

Indonesia's big Chinese population may be affected by reports that Mr Chou En-lai, Chinese Premier, told Mr Nehru on his visit here last June that Chinese residents abroad would no longer be considered Chinese nationals.—Reuter.

## 'Britain Must Restore Her Sovereignty'

London, Sept. 22.

Major E.A.H. Legge-Bourke, member of Parliament and critic of the Government, who resigned from the Conservative Party over the Suez Canal Zone issue, declared tonight that British sovereignty must be restored over the country's own affairs.

When the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs came up for review in November, Britain should categorically state that unless the "no new preference" rule was deleted, she would withdraw from the agreement altogether, he said.

It was high time that international Liberalism bled towards free trade was removed from the Board of Trade, the Foreign Office and the Treasury, and that a Conservative Government was true to its protectionist tradition.

Referring to West German rearmament, Major Legge-Bourke stated: "We have been saved from yet another step along the wrong road by France. Let our Government put our own sovereignty first."

France had realised the grave dangers entailed in such schemes as the European Defence Community, which would have wrecked its economy. He hoped now that Mr Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, and Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, would reverse the policy of promoting federal schemes in Europe which "also wrecked away" British freedom of action.—Reuter.

## Germany Will Plan Protection Against H-Bombs

Bonn, Sept. 22.

Planning for the protection of West German heavy industry against a world hydrogen-bomb war is expected to begin soon.

The Association of Industrialists and Government departments are considering the draft of a leaflet dealing in general terms with preliminary plans for protection.

Plans are based on the experience of the Western Allies in their 1,000-bomber raids, during World War II, on German industrial targets. These raids reduced much of the Ruhr and many cities elsewhere to heaps of twisted steel girders and rubble.

West Germany is particularly vulnerable because of its highly urbanised industrial centres. These cannot be dispersed within the present frontiers without still being within easy air range of East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The Ruhr itself, whose paralysis would cripple the country economically and militarily, is a closely built up oblong area which it is almost impossible to miss with bombs.

Industrial leaders, however, believe that United States tests with atom and hydrogen bombs have shown that protection is possible—provided that sufficient money is spent on it.

#### WOODEN HOUSES

They say that the atom bombs dropped in Japan struck cities composed largely of wooden houses. Many American towns, too, have a large proportion of these.

The effect of an atom bomb in a German city, built of stone and brick, would be different. Air raid planning here must take into account that cellars built as protection against blast and radiation must also be strong enough to bear the weight of masonry which would collapse on top of them.

German experience, they declared, has shown that stone offers a considerable degree of protection against radiation and some protection against blast. Air raid shelters and bunkers could be built of the materials which proved of most use in the last war—concrete and steel-framed buildings.

The leaflet now in preparation deals, among other things, it is understood, with an air raid warning system.

#### ONLY MINUTES

This presents considerable problems, for Germans are acutely conscious that Britain would have about half an hour's warning and North America several hours, while the flight of a jet bomber from the East German border to the Ruhr takes only minutes.

The Association of Industrialists is thinking in terms of a four-year plan for industrial protection, based on the greatest possible measure of self-help by individual works.

One question which has yet to be settled is who is to pay the high cost of the plan.

## Czechs May Be Expelled From I.M.F.

Washington, Sept. 22.

Efforts to expel Communist Czechoslovakia from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank are expected to be brought to a head at two meetings due to start here on Friday, official sources said here today.

They are the annual meetings of the Boards of Governors of the fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The possible disqualification of Czechoslovakia, the only Communist member of the two organisations, is regarded as a major development in East-West relations.

Reasons advanced are that in the bank, she has failed to pay an outstanding part of her contribution and in the fund has failed to produce required financial information and to consult on the retention of monetary and trade restrictions.

#### ALREADY SUSPENDED

Czechoslovakia had already been suspended from the bank and would automatically cease to be a member on December 31 this year, unless the contribution was fully paid, the official sources said.

Authoritative sources said the United States' representative moves had led behind the scenes moves to have Czechoslovakia disqualified from the fund and ban by the end of 1955.

The fund told Czechoslovakia last year of complaints alleging non-compliance with articles of the fund concerning information.

A spokesman of the Czech Embassy said today the response had been "that Czechoslovakia could not supply additional information for reasons of security and because it would make it more difficult to deal with alleged trade discrimination against Czechoslovakia."—Reuter.

## Oil Experts Arrive At Teheran

Teheran, Sept. 22.

Eleven British, Dutch and American specialists arrived here today to assess the equipment needed to return the Abadan oil refinery to a full working state.

They represent the vanguard of the estimated 200 foreign technicians required initially to return the refinery, the world's largest, to production after it has been idle for three years.

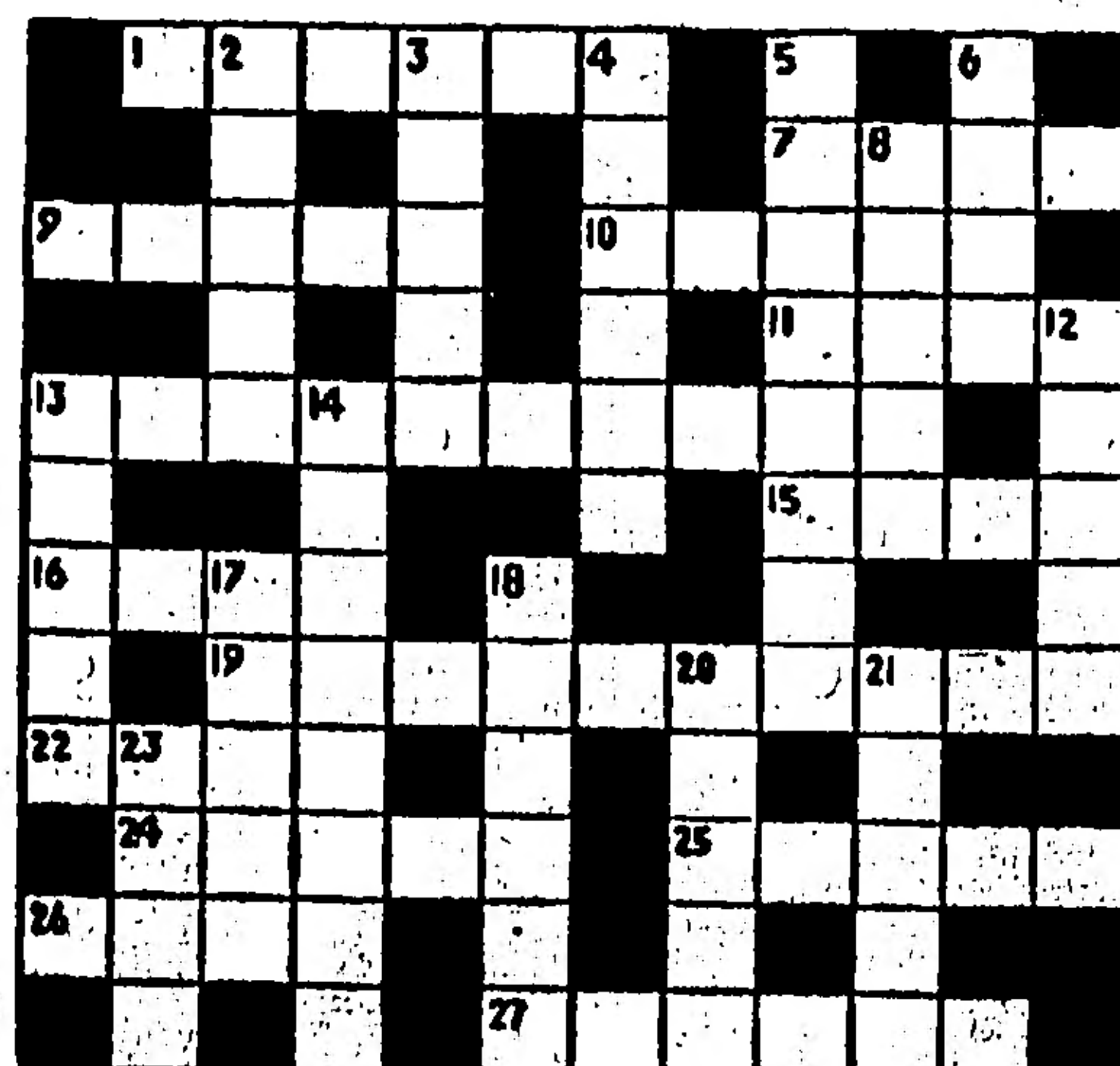
The group will probably leave for Abadan Monday, and is expected to start the survey before the Persian Parliament meets in mid-October. All technicians are international.—Reuter.

## Dancing In The Rain



Dancing in the rain. A couple in London. The man is wearing a dark suit and the woman is wearing a light-colored dress. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is dark and rainy.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 1 Frank (6).
- 7 Radiate (4).
- 9 Bronchitis (5).
- 10 Seat (5).
- 11 Formerly (4).
- 13 Vanishes (10).
- 15 Avoid (4).
- 16 Meadows (4).
- 18 Downcast (10).
- 22 Good (4).
- 24 Change (5).
- 25 Prepared (5).
- 26 Ceremony (4).
- 27 Happenings (6).

#### DOWN

- 2 Book of maps (6).
- 3 Bag (5).
- 4 Toilet (6).
- 5 Turned the other way (8).
- 6 Fasteners (4).
- 8 Swamp (5).
- 12 Doctrine (5).
- 13 Blockheads (5).
- 14 Averted (8).
- 17 Crown-up (5).
- 18 Scanty (6).
- 20 Pluck (6).
- 21 Precise (5).
- 23 Bucket (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Field; 4. Answer; 7. Ardent; 8. Angle; 10. Fort; 13. Practice; 15. Meek; 16. Even; 17. Road; 19. Obese; 20. Mundane; 21. Title; 23. Usual; 24. Rascal; 25. Study; 26. Reigns; 27. Down: 1. Platform; 2. Alderman; 3. Inn; 5. Mahler; 6. Solace; 9. Grebe; 11. Tendered; 13. Prince; 15. Avert; 17. Kidnapper; 18. Outset; 22. Mera.



## IN THE PATHS OF NOVELLO AND COWARD TWO young stars go stepping out to MUSIC...

FROM the names to bright lights JOHN BARBER picks out two young men in the gay stage tradition of Ivor Novello and Noel Coward... two young men of wit, music, and fancy... both bound for an APPOINTMENT WITH FAME.

TWO young men come to London in the same year. They take two different theatres, and each puts on his first show. Both are musicals. Both are wildly successful. The young men—who have never met—are so unsophisticated that one goes to a night club in a sports jacket and the other washes his laundry in his bath.

The first is JULIAN SLADE, author of "Salad Days." The other is SANDY WILSON, who wrote "The Boy Friend."

I have talked to both and seen the same question behind their eyes. They want to ask something they dare not put into words:

Is my success a flash in the pan? Or will the flash strike tinder and set the Thames on fire?

Which of these brilliant youngsters has an Appointment with Fame?

### 30 years ago

FOR answer, go back 30 years. A year when two other young men burst through the hoops of mediocrity. Today we can see what became of yesterday's bright dreams.

The year 1924... June... a dark unknown of 31 is rubbing grease-paint over his handsome nose in London's Prince of Wales Theatre. He is about to appear in the first play he has written himself. It proves a huge success.

It is called "The Rat." The young author-star is Ivor Novello.

You know the Appointment he kept with Fame. The jade arrived late-ish, but he detained her long.

It is six months later. Still 1924. A tow-haired, nervy youngster of 24 teeters in the wings of London's draughty Everyman Theatre. He is to star in his first musical drama. He does not know yet that he will ride it to triumph.

The play is "The Vortex." The author-star is Noel Coward.

### JULIAN SLADE... as Slade sees him



A self-portrait.

Ever since, Coward has cannodded fame like a child with an old rag doll.

See history repeat itself. The first 1924 success went again to the older man, Sandy Wilson. Last January his "Boy Friend" attracted its first-night audience to laugh at the cloche-hats and boop-a-doop of the 'twenties.

Ever since it has sent them out in tears over its marshmallow romance.

### The unknown

JUST over six months later, the unknown boy called Julian Slade turned up with a modest show, "Salad Days." He is 24, five years younger than Wilson. I went for the third time last week. At the end the audience refused to move, begging for encores.

Who are these young men? What is the prospect that their talent will bring fame?

They are similar in some ways. Unlike Coward and Novello, both are expensively educated. Wilson, Manchester-born, went to Harrow and Oxford. Slade, a K.C.'s son, to Eton and Cambridge. They wrote songs for both their shows but neither is a trained musician.

Both are artists. Slade has published a book about a squirrel. Wilson is bringing out one about a cat. Both are written and illustrated by themselves.

And note this. Guiding and helping both men is a woman.

older than themselves, of wide theatre experience. Behind Wilson, the actress-producer Vida Hope. Collaborating with Slade, the actress—author Dorothy Reynolds.

### Just for fun

YET they are vastly different. Wilson is dark, sleek, saturninely handsome, with a low-voiced dangerous wit. He wrote his show in a Swiss Cottage basement for fun.

Gangling, boyish Slade was given the "Salad Days" title by a barmaid, and worked out the plot in a Bristol teashop. He wrote the music in the prop-room of a theatre.

Wilson and Slade worked on similar lines. Both revolted against the all-conquering American musicals.

Their shows are romantic, not sexy; innocent, not worldly; fresh, not slick; above all, unlike some recent American musicals, they plug no pompous message about race segregation or international relations.

"The Boy Friend" is not a hit because it mocks 1920 hats. It is a hit because it does not mock 1920 lovers. You do not laugh when the page-boy asks the millionaires, "Who are you?" and she says "Polly Brown" and he replies, "It's a very pretty name and you live up to it."

You are touched. It is so tender and true.

So is "Salad Days" which tells how London is turned upside-down by a magic plane which makes everybody dance. Says Julian Slade: "I believe in the simple things, the old, old things. I try to write as sincerely as I can. To avoid pretentiousness is a great step in the right direction."

And every night, stall-ites cluster round his piano in the orchestra-pit and make him play again. And they sing:—Oh, look at me! I'm dancing! I'm going on one foot instead of on two— It isn't a thing I'm accustomed to do.

### Hard working

WHO, then, is my candidate for fame in 30 years' time? I am not forgetting Evelyn Baerisova, the new wonder of Sadler's Wells. Nor that versatile actor Paul Rogers, whose Macbeth impressed me so deeply at Edinburgh. Nor Dorothy Tutin, most sensitive of our younger actresses.

But I foresee fame for Slade and Wilson.

I am sure of it. I know how hard they work. Says Slade: "I have forgotten what it is like to have outside interests." By night he plays the piano in the theatre. By day, he takes the "Salad Days" cast through a keep-'em-up-to-it rehearsal.

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## Father at bay... Giles



"Well—we've seen Balmoral from the air, stalked our first deer... now what do we do?"

London Express Service.

## Japan's Successes at the Venice Festival

By FRIEDL ORLANDO

VENICE, its underlying philosophical question, "Where is truth, if every person sees the same event differently?" Festival, Venice expects nothing but good from Japan. "Rashomon's" re-sounding victory was secured not only by its superior quality, but also because it had all the elements of a surprise attack—an advantage missed by the Japanese films exhibited in the two subsequent years.

Surprisingly enough, however, the film ends with the words: "They (the peasants) are the true victors. Because we Samurai pass over the earth like a storm, whereas the peasants are the earth itself, unchangeable and immortal." This phrase of rhetoric, seems pretty inconsistent with the film. Is it perhaps a sob to public opinion in democratic Japan? One would hardly expect a director like Kurosawa to allow the ear to deny what the eye conceives.

### Startling Film

The rules of the Venice Festival lay down that a country's contribution must be commensurate with the number of films it produces per year. Japan could have sent four pictures this year, just like the U.S. and Italy. She chose to present only three. Two of them have been shown so far and it is already clear that once again she will be a close runner up for the prize.

Again, director Kurosawa has made a startling film. Like his "Rashomon," with

One third of the film is taken up by lighting, and for European audiences at least, it would have to be cut. Then, surely, the film would not fail to appeal—men moving as a ballet, their faces torn to grimaces, their voices thrusting forth as in everlasting wrath.

Even European viewers who know nothing of Japanese theatrical tradition, and of the old style of Japanese ballet, the "No," can see that all this violence is controlled and intended; and that all this is based on traditional formal conceptions according to which heroism is inseparable from fury.

Moderation and tranquillity, however, go with submission; as we can see in the other Japanese film "Sanjuro Dayu." And the beauty of submission becomes apparent in the slow, small-stepped walk, in the timid smile, in the tearful sobs of the two actresses. Kinuyo Tanaka and Kyoko Kagawa. The picture is based on the novel by Ogi Mori, is directed by Kenji Mizoguchi who, two years ago, showed in Venice his beautiful "O-haru."

### Tragic Story

In views which are pictures in themselves, Sanjuro Dayu tells the tragic story of a high-born family in eleventh-century Japan. The father, governor of a province, sides with the peasants against the arrogant warriors and for this he is sent into exile. When the mother and her two children are travelling to join him, they are caught by bandits. The two children are sold as slaves to a ruthless bailiff, the mother becomes a prostitute.

The film is sad in the way good music is often sad; under a garb of formal beauty that charms the senses, it has a message of tragedy. There is a girl who with measured steps walks into the sunlit pond to end her life of slavery; she does not cry, but we do.

Interesting are flash-backs at the beginning of the picture, when the exiled governor's wife recalls scenes of her life with her husband. Without fade-ins and out, and other devices, the picture turns repeatedly from present to past and from past to present, reminding of an oriental scroll which knows no strict division of scenes.

### A Message

By European standards, this film has its slow moments. As a rule, Europeans see no point why the camera should follow a man walking for a whole minute or two, unless his walking furthers the action. But, obviously, the Japanese take a delight in looking at a man just walking; and, indeed, we cannot help being delighted, too, when it is so well photographed within the landscape. This film, certainly, has a more democratic message—the father was exiled because he helped the poor, and because he believed that it is equal rights for all that counts. It is a message that is worth watching.

## Away to the hills which once gushed silver and gold

# I Visit a Ghost Town and Find It Full of Spirits

### DON IDDON'S DIARY

Virginia City, Nevada. THIS is America's most celebrated ghost town. Queen of the Comstock Lode, where the silver ran in rivers and financed the American Civil War, helped build San Francisco, and transformed the money markets of the New World.

A total of 750,000,000 dollars in silver and gold gushed from these baked hills in the 'sixties and 'seventies of the last century before the torrent dried up.

It was one of the biggest bonanzas of all time—bonanza being a Spanish word meaning "in the money" or "paying off"—a word cherished here.

### Liveliest

TODAY, Virginia City calls itself the liveliest ghost town in the world, and after a look around I am inclined to agree. Although the present population is only about four or five hundred, compared with the spacious days when 40,000 mined, did business, and caroused here, there has been a revival in Virginia City's fortunes.

I noticed the change since my last visit five years ago as I drove in the hot midday sun along the steep corkscrew sierra roads towards the town.

Planted on the hillsides and at the dizzy bends among the sagebrush were handsome red, yellow, and black hillboards advertising the Territorial Enterprise, famous journal of the West. "Mark Twain's newspaper."

One boarding announced that Lucius Beebe was the press-

editor. Beebe is an old friend of mine.

There were other signs too; "Visit the Bucket of Blood," and "See the Suicide Table," the "Crystal Ball," the "Sawdust Saloon." If ghost were walking, it was obvious that they were making their way to the nearest bar. There are many bars in Virginia City—one to every six or seven residents.

### Sports cars

WHEN I got into town I found C Street blocked with cars, and I spotted two Jaguars, three M.G.'s, and a Mercedes-Benz which was going to the races. The new car trade was flourishing the old mining motropolis.

There must have been 10,000 people, trippers, tourists, students of Western Americana. In search of Beebe I turned past Piper's Opera House, decaying but still defiant, where the great names had sung and the champagne had flowed, and I found him right away. He was in shorts, smoking.

I have seen Lucius Beebe, the acknowledged fashion-plate of New York, the nation's leading dude and dandy, in white tie and tails, morning-coat and top hat, tweeds and check, and Tattersall waistcoats, bowler hat or derby, in elegant blue serge or black broadcloth, but I had never seen him sun-bathing.

Beebe squinted in the glare and said: "Who is it?" and then recognised me.

### An apology

HE led me into his house, where the owner of Piper's Opera House had lived and introduced me to his dog, a St. Bernard as big as a pony, called Mr. T. Beebe, as the Walter Winchell of the West, was sure to be called, and he called that.

It is Lucius Beebe who has revitalised Virginia City, although he says modestly that he hasn't really, revitalised it, merely advertised it through his newspaper, the Territorial Enterprise.

I do not usually write shop in this diary, but the story of the Territorial Enterprise—its reporters have carried six-shooters—is to a large extent the story of Virginia City.

It was more than a newspaper—it was the fabulous treasure city's loud and imperative voice telling the story of the great finds of silver and gold, the triumphs and disasters, the murders and suicides and reckless rumpus that went on night and day.

The Enterprise presses and its Pressmen, who often doubled its writers, were lubricated with a strong spirit called Valley Tan, and the present owners and editors, Lucius Beebe and his partner, the ebullient Charles Clegg, have great faith in the remedial qualities of high-proof whisky Martinis—they restore a man's confidence and almost everything that has alcohol in it.

### Good Businessmen

THEY are proud of their capacity and welcome its being publicised. Lucius handed me a yellow announcement, printed in beautiful fancy old type, which commanded: "Read this," and said: "The temperate Territorial Enterprise has pulled its punches with the press. Its content is the news of the community, a gratifying low moral tone and high alcoholic proof... its rights have never been lowered from the preposterous, the pretentious, or the phibishy. It is a business stuffed with facts to order. This boast is true."

Virginia City has always been a boom town and probably always will be. However, Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg are good businessmen.

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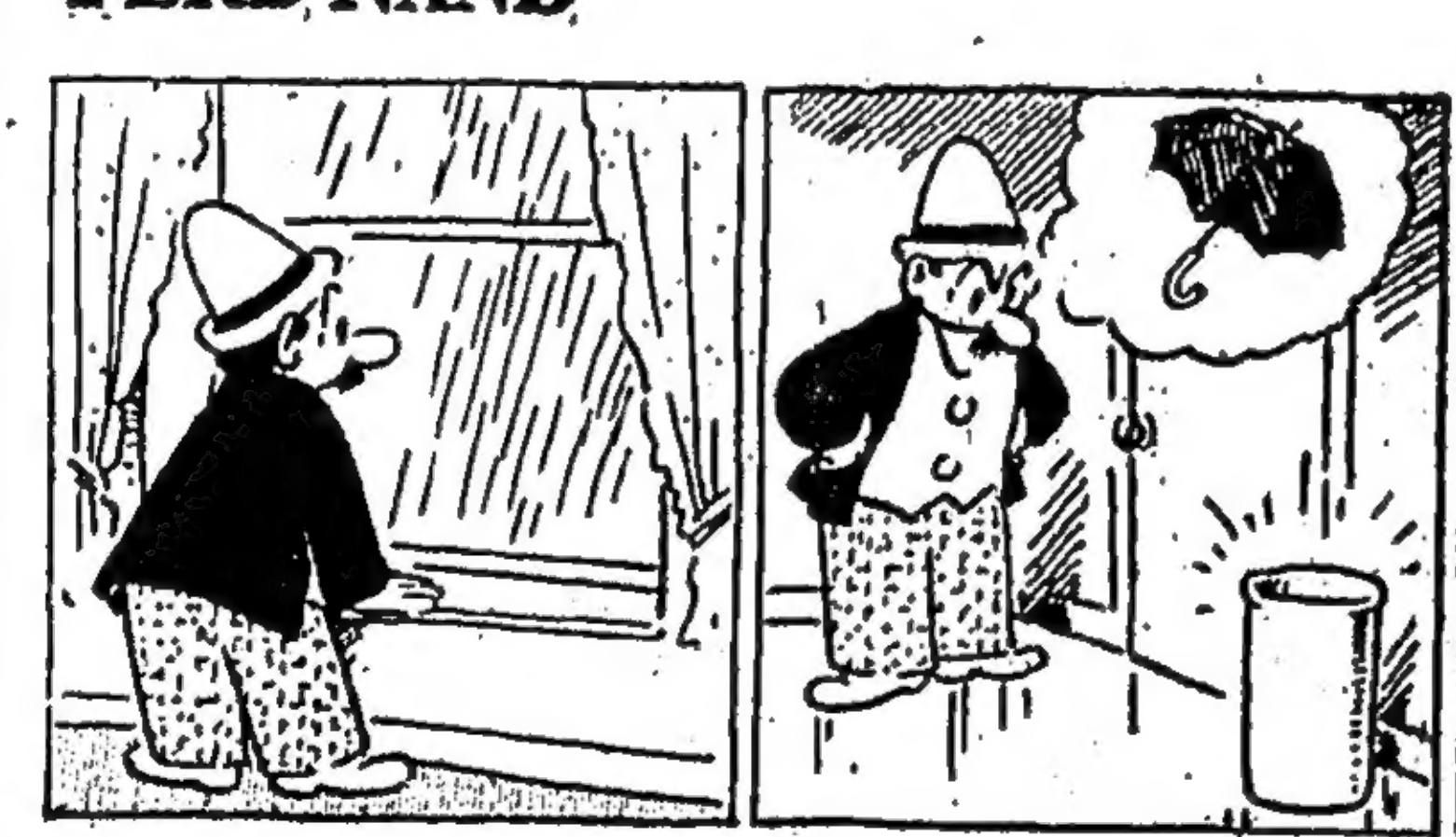
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# First Moves In British Battle For Commercial Television

London, Sept. 23.

First moves in the big business battle for British commercial television contracts were disclosed last night. Prince Littler, head of a large group of West End theatres, announced he had formed a new company which had applied to the Government's watch dog of commercial television—the Independent Television Authority—for a licence to put on commercial programmes.

The new company, through its directors' control over a vast empire of theatres, could be ahead of its competitors with T.V. relays from the stage.

It is a commercial licence it may be able to take many star names from the British Broadcasting Corporation, which at present has a television monopoly.

The secret has been well kept. When the B.B.C. were told yesterday of Prince Littler's build-up, an official made a one-word comment—"Shattering."—China Mail Special.

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Friday, the 24th September, at 12.30 Noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

## BAGGAGE:

Passengers are requested to send ALL BAGGAGE to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE, by Noon on Thursday, 23rd September.

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## EMBARKATION:

Passengers should embark between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 24th September, 1954.

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# Swedish Undertakers Accused Of Racketeering

Stockholm, Sept. 22.

Charges of "racketeering" are made against undertakers in socialist Sweden by the state Price Control Board which has just completed an eight-year survey.

More competition rather than increased state control is the solution, the Board believes.

Swedish undertakers, it says, are, on an average, making a 100 per cent overcharge on every coffin they sell. They camouflage this overcharge by avoiding charging their clients for a coffin only. Their bills always include "services" as well, and most of these services have just not been rendered.

Detailed bills would only partially remedy the abuse, the Board says. Over 270 different types of coffins are produced in Sweden and the lay customer would not be able to judge whether he was getting the right type at the right price.

The Board, therefore, urges the need for more standardisation and simpler specifications.

## A CARTEL

The Board accuses shroud wholesalers of forming a cartel to keep prices above a fair level. They have a secret agreement by which no wholesaler may sell as prices lower than those fixed by the Shroud Wholesalers' Association.

If any wholesaler sells below the fixed price, the Association fines him 1,000 crowns (about \$70 sterling) for every delivery made.

Cartels formed to force up prices unfairly are forbidden by law in Sweden.

The Board alleges and representatives of the undertaking trade have admitted—that undertakers often charge their clients what they think they can afford.

Rich clients are sometimes charged three times the fair value of a coffin, whereas poor clients sometimes get their coffin below market price.

The "Robin Hood" sort of trading is praiseworthy, the Board says, the best remedy is more competition.

This competition is already coming from the trend towards more cremations, which are carried out by undertakers, and from the powerful benefit societies which meet Sweden's funeral costs in return for regular contributions paid during their lifetime.

Whatever the price-fixing commission may decide, the Board says, the best remedy is more competition.

The town and county councils can also help to bring funeral costs down, according to the state Price Control Board, by reducing their fees for burial space in the cemeteries, for ringing knells and so on. Also, the council might start to buy their own hearses and hire them out at cost price.

In the meantime the controversy between the Board and the undertakers is keen. One firm has been prosecuted for overcharging and other prosecutions have been threatened.

The man-in-the-street seems to have been most struck by the fact that the Board and the undertakers agree that 600 crowns (about £40 sterling) is the average price for a burial in Sweden.

This covers burial only, and does not include the cost of the funeral service, the service, the wreaths, the funeral dinner and other incidental expenditure.

When a woman can have a baby in a private ward for as little as 150 crowns (just over £10) in Sweden, 600 crowns seems a lot to pay for dying—China Mail Special.

Vertical Jets Will Need A Colosseum

London, Sept. 22.

The head of Britain's big nationalised international airlines, today pictured the airport of the future as looking like the ancient colosseum of Rome with circular walls to cut off the sound of vertical take-off jets.

Sir Miles Thomas, head of the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), drew aside the curtains of the future in a luncheon speech to the American Correspondents Association.

He said that the new vertical take-off jet which the British aircraft industry is developing will have a very long way to go when they finally come into service. "They will be a great improvement on the present jet engine," he said, "but they will have a long way to go before they are ready for the straight-down-the-line take-off."

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The Police said that defendants were seen hanging in the cable area between the Holt's Wharf and the Railway pier, last night. First two defendants were together pulling up a net cast between their companions, while the third was picking up a long rope connected to the net.

Defendants said in mitigation that they did not know the regulations.

The Police said that defendants were seen fishing in the cable area between the toll's Wharf and the Railway Pier, last night. First two defendants were together pulling up a net cast between their hips, while the third was picking up a long rope connected with fish traps.

Defendants said in mitigation that they did not know the regulations.

A small fire, caused by electric wires short-circuit, broke out in one of the tenement houses in First Street, Columbia District, about 11:30 p.m. yesterday.

Firemen fought the fire for about 15 minutes, but it was too late to save the contents of the fire. There

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## A black and white illustration of a man and a woman in a room. The man, on the left, is holding a baby in his arms. He is wearing a long, light-colored robe. The woman, on the right, is standing and looking towards the man. She is wearing a dark, patterned dress with a large bow at the back. In the background, there is a window with curtains, a small table with a lamp, and a chair in the foreground. The style is simple and illustrative.

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